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Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the textual and graphical material on pages 87-89, beginning with the paragraph which starts "EXAMPLE 19" on page 87 and extending through the last (bottom) figure on page 89.

Please replace the paragraph at page 90, which starts "EXAMPLE 20", with the following amended paragraph:

EXAMPLE 19

Expression of R218Q Flint immunoadhesins

R218Q and WT FLINT/Fc constructs were expressed in transiently transfected 293EBNA cells for purification. Transfections were carried out in 700 cm² roller bottles on confluent monolayers of 293EBNA cells grown in DMEM F12 (3:1), 5% FBS, 20 mM HEPES, 2 mM L-Glutamine with 50 ug/ml G418. Transfection cocktails were prepared in Gibco's OptiMEM media, using 65 ug of plasmid DNA per roller bottle and Roche Molecular Biochemicals transfection reagent FuGene. Forty eight hours post-transfection, monolayers were rinsed with PBS and switched to 100 ml of serum free medium (Hybritech). Cells were monitored for CO₂, glutamine and glucose levels, and were harvested every 24 hours for 10 days. Typical expression levels ranged from 2-5 ug/ml.